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FROM : [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Weekly Report - 20 Sept.-27 Sept. 51

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1. On 21 September 1951, eighteen employees were given a battery of tests at the [REDACTED] prior to entry in the Russian language course. Miss [REDACTED] gave the tests and Miss [REDACTED] and Mr. [REDACTED] scored them. Two persons in this testing group obtained low scores but managed to pass minimal test standards. They have been entered in the course. In the event they have too much difficulty, Dr. [REDACTED] and I will review their cases. 25X1A9a

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2. On 21 September 1951 an applicant for a position on the legal staff of the General Counsel was assessed at the request of Mr. Lawrence Houston. Although we are not set up for assessment work, we acceded to Mr. Houston's request since the case was an important one for him.

3. The program of testing professional trainee applicants before they are interviewed or employed is progressing efficiently. Mr. [REDACTED] is conducting the testing.

4. Dr. [REDACTED] who was filing papers for a position of Psychologist at GS-12 on our T/O, has been offered a GS-13 by the Air Force. Since our slot goes only as high as a GS-12, we lost a good man.

5. Reproduction has completed the printing of the many "conversational" language aptitude tests, original copies of which were loaned to us by the Personnel Research Section of the Adjutant General's Office. This research program will be put into effect when personnel and facilities are available. It is a matter of interest that, according to the Personnel Research Section, the validity coefficients which we have obtained between our own (CIA) tests and end-of-Russian course evaluations are substantially higher than they have obtained from a research contract with a professor at the University of California who used the Personnel Research Section's language aptitude examinations.

6. As the result of our studies of language aptitude, the Air Force has become interested in such research. We are, therefore, making available to them through the Personnel Research Section of the Adjutant General's Office, those language aptitude tests which we have reprinted.

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